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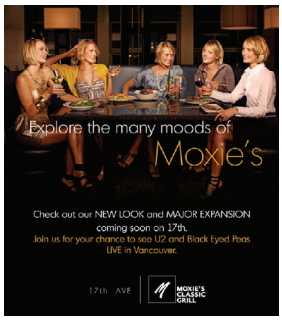

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CARTOON Metro Canada is getting into the funny business.

Starting today, Metro will be publishing Six Chix, an innovative daily comic created by a group of female cartoonists.

Each daily Six Chix comic, appearing on the Celebrity Buzz page, is created by a different cartoonist — including Rina Piccolo. A Toronto native whose comics will appear every Wednesday, Piccolo's work has been seen in numerous magazines, books, cartoon anthologies and greeting cards.

Along with your daily dose of Six Chix, Metro Canada is also now offering more than 60 cartoon strips a day, and an archive of more than 1,500 comics, on its website at metronews.ca.

These strips include classics like the Amazing Spider-Man, Family Circus, and Hagar the Horrible. You can email them to a friend, rate them and even create your own humorous captions.

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Federer wins record 15th grand slam

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Today

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ROBYN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Ray Danyluk, minister of municipal affairs, and Rob Anderson (goalie), MLA for Airdrie-Chestermere, put the stop on Tampa Bay Lightning prospect Dana Tyrell during the first annual Wild Rose Hockey Challenge held at the Airdrie Twin Arenas.

Politicians suit up in name of charity

Hockey fundraiser draws MPs, MLAs, NHL players

SunnySide

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

The skates were tied, the jerseys were pressed and the trash-talking started before the game, but it was all in the name of fun in the first annual Wild Rose Hockey Challenge.

MPs from across the country and MLAs from across Alberta faced off against each other in the challenge in support of Victim's Assistance in Airdrie yesterday.

"I really enjoy hockey and it's a great way to raise some money," said Blake Richards, host and MP for the Wild Rose constituency. "We just thought it was a great idea to do it here in our riding."

"I really enjoy hockey and it's a great way to raise some money."
Blake Richards, Wild Rose MP

Richards is a part of the public safety committee and wanted to support a charity that would fit into that area and cover his entire riding.

The 16-player teams each had 13 politicians and three professional hockey players for support, including Zach Boychuk, a member of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes and also a part of the winning Canadian World Junior team this year.

"I've lived in Airdrie for about five years, and when they asked me to come play this game I got really excited," said Boychuk. "When I get the chance to come out here and do something for the community and contribute to a charity, I'm always up for that."

Even though many of the players were below Boychuk's playing level, he said that it was very competitive, especially when it took two players from the MPs side to take Boychuk down as he tried for a breakaway.

Approximately 500 people got to watch former teammates Boychuk and Dana Tyrell, a member of the Tampa Bay Lightning, face off against each other.

"I knew they were going to put us on separate teams to get that rivalry going. It's fun, we are having a good time out there," Boychuk said.

However, Boychuk's five goals in the game couldn't push the MLAs past the MPs as the federal team went on to win 17-13.

The game raised $7,559 for Victim's Assistance in Wild Rose through ticket sales and a silent auction.

Stampede sees slight decline in attendance

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

VISITORS The rain couldn't keep Katherine Steele and her friends away from the Stampede grounds this weekend, but it might have kept others away as attendance for the first weekend of Stampede is down from last year.

Steele said the chuckwagons were just as full, but she definitely noticed a lack of people on the midway.

"For all the sweet rides we only had to wait in line for two or three minutes, five at the most. Before, you had to wait for like an hour for that same ride," said Steele.

For sneak-a-peek night, attendance was up from 36,700 to 38,900. On Friday, attendance was basically the same for both years in the 91,000 range. On Saturday, there were 103,000 people compared to 117,000 from the previous year.

"There is a lot of the week left and we're looking forward to welcoming hundreds of thousands of more people over the next seven days," said Doug Fraser, media relations manager for the Calgary Stampede.

Fraser said that there is more than $3 million worth of entertainment on the Stampede grounds and that there is plenty to do inside if it does rain.

Fraser said he doesn't believe that the economy is keeping people away, and that the end of the week is typically stronger in terms of visitor numbers.

An attendance figure for yesterday was not available at press time.

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Alcohol a factor in fatal crash, RCMP say

Rocky Mountain House RCMP believe alcohol was a factor in a crash that left one person dead and six injured Saturday afternoon 20 kilometres north of the west-central Alberta town. Travis Lorne Quewezance, a resident of the Sunchild Indian Reserve, was pronounced dead at the scene. METRO CALGARY

Local

Tornado touches down near Red Deer

A tornado, believed to be an F-0 or F-1, according to Environment Canada, touched down just north of the city of Red Deer late Saturday afternoon. Minor damage was reported, but there were no injuries. More unsettled weather is expected to hit Central Alberta over the next few days. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

LURING Strathmore RCMP said they are looking for a man alleged to have made inappropriate comments to lure a nine-year-old from her parents in downtown Strathmore yesterday. The child's mother heard the conversation and immediately came out of the store. Police are looking for a Caucasian male about 50 years old, tall with thin build, shaggy, wavy grey hair and dirty, loose clothing.

ASSAULT Calgary police are investigating a sexual assault complaint, after a woman alleged she struck up a conversation with a man who appeared to be Hispanic, between 6 and 7 a.m. Saturday in the area of Edmonton Trail and Memorial Drive NE. Police said the victim and suspect walked into the Bridgeland community where the victim said she was sexually assaulted. Police are looking for a Hispanic male in his late 20s, four-foot-10, 140 pounds, with dark hair and dark eyes.

STABBING One man is in hospital in critical condition after a stabbing in the 1000 block of 6 Ave SW early Saturday morning police said. Upon arriving on scene a man in his 30s was found in the stairwell at an apartment complex with stab wounds, police said.

CHARGES Two people were charged in relation to the stabbing death early Friday morning in the 7200 block of 20A St SE. Darcy Hunt, 37, of Calgary was charged with second-degree murder. Brian Blais, 27, of Calgary was charged with assault, assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm. Further charges are pending in the case.

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Political interest low: Poll

Issues are more important than politicians' personalities, say experts

DARREN KRAUSE
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Calgary voters may be turning an ice-cold shoulder to civic politics, according to an exclusive Metro Calgary/Ivrnet automated telephone poll.

Under 30 per cent of Calgarians went to the municipal polls in 2007, which is fewer than those who cast a ballot in 2004.

Based on results after Calgarians were surveyed from June 24 to 27, nearly 16-months prior to the 2010 municipal election, that number could drop even further.

Of 14,319 households where live contact through an automated telephone survey was made, only 1,090 respondents indicated they were likely to vote — or just under eight per cent.

"The point is there are a lot of issues out there, and they're engaged in the issues, but what they don't seem to be engaged in is the personalities."
Janet Brown, research consultant

Public opinion research consultant Janet Brown isn't surprised by the numbers — in fact, she says could have predicted the results beforehand.

"People just didn't want to answer the poll because the issue was just not on their radar," she said.

Brown pointed out a similar exclusive Metro/Ivrnet poll done in October on the U.S. presidential race garnered a five to one response rate, as opposed to the recent municipal politics poll, which attracted a dismal 13 to one response rate.

With issues like the Memorial Drive promenade, pedestrian bridges, park and ride fees and Plan-It Calgary, civic participation has been alive and well in Calgary recently, but engagement with politics remains low.

"The point is there are a lot of issues out there, and they're engaged in the issues, but what they don't seem to be engaged in is the personalities," said Brown.

Mount Royal political scientist Duane Bratt said the voter turnout for municipal elections is even lower than that of provincial or federal elections.

"The things that people talk about on an ongoing basis; police coverage, roads and garbage collection are quite high — but their actual engagement in the process is quite low compared to federal and provincial elections."

Century mark for transit and rider

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

BIRTHDAYS Two of Calgary's oldest residents celebrated their 100th birthday together yesterday.

Calgary Transit was celebrating its 100th birthday and decided to celebrate it with Calgary's newest 100-year-old, Bennie Panaro.

"It feels wonderful (to be 100 years old). I'm glad that transit was born at the same time I was," said Panaro.

Panaro has been a long time Calgary resident and has taken transit for many years; she still takes the bus to this very day.

"I remember when you went to Bowness you had to pay an extra nickel, that's how long I've been (riding the bus)," said Panaro when she recalled her earliest transit memory.

JOEL MESSNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Mayor Dave Bronconnier, left, and transit director Fred Wong, right, celebrate Calgary Transit's 100th birthday with Calgary's newest 100-year-old, Bennie Panaro.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier was on hand to commemorate the historic landmark for both Calgary Transit and Panaro.

"I've seen pictures of the early days of Calgary Transit, but Mrs. Panaro is able to tell us first hand, and as a longtime transit customer she can tell us from experience," said the mayor.

To get Panaro to the event Calgary Transit chartered a bus that took her and her family to the Montgomery community centre.

With 100 years now in the books for transit this leaves transit director Fred Wong looking to the next 100.

"I think you'll see changes to transit technology such as real time customer information and also smart cars as we move ahead," said Wong.

Trio of markets set to share space

BLACKFOOT TRAIL There will be three markets in the Blackfoot Trail area once the Calgary Farmers Market takes up residences at 5 Street and 77 Avenue.

However, Matthew McDonald, general manager at the Crossroads Market, isn't too worried about the move and is actually welcoming it.

"I think it will bring more people to this area, which would benefit everyone," said McDonald. "We're not worried about them moving over here. We wish them all the best."

McDonald said that each market offers different items to offer their clients than the other markets.

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Body of solider who died in Afghanistan coming home

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MEMORIAL The body of the 121st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan will soon arrive back on his home country's soil and he is being remembered by those who knew him.

"We will also mourn collectively, but will do so without losing sight of the mission in Afghanistan and the noble work that CF members continue to do on behalf of their fellow countrymen and of the vast majority of Afghans who strive for nothing more than the most fundamental human rights. Cpl Nicholas Bulger wouldn't have had it any other way," commanding officer Peter Dawe said in a weekend statement.

Cpl. Nicholas Bulger, 30, was killed in the line of duty Friday morning when a roadside bomb rocked the armoured vehicle he was in west of Kandahar. Four other soldiers were also injured in the blast.

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What's online today.

Video Chopper crews keep a watchful eye over ground forces in Afghanistan at **metronews.ca/canada**

Immigration Guidy Mamann on how a genuine relationship may not be enough for spousal sponsorship at **metronews.ca/immigration**

Lotteries

Friday, July 3
Lotto Super 7: 8, 10, 14, 35, 42, 43 & 47. Bonus 21.
Saturday, July 4
Lotto 6/49: 1, 14, 23, 27, 32 & 44. Bonus 48.
These results are not official.

Free speech in danger in 2010: Group

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is warning free speech will be in danger during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, CBC News Online reports. The organization claims students living on campus at the University of British Columbia are being asked to sign away their right to free speech during the two-week event. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

NDP wants more cash for farmers

Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton is again urging the federal government to approve emergency money for Prairie farmers facing one of the worst droughts in decades, CBC News Online reports. During a visit to Saskatoon on Saturday, he said farmers need immediate aid, adding he has never seen the region so dry. "Even flying in here from Calgary, just looking down at the fields, I've never seen it like that and I've travelled this country many times," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gatineau **Enter sandman**

TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

A performers dances as a part of the Wonders of Sand festival at Lac Beauchamp in Gatineau, Que., yesterday. More than 15,000 people came to check out the 17 professional sculptures.

Injured Canadian dies in Quebec hospital

Roadside bombing last month claims soldier

A Canadian soldier who was injured by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan last month has died in a Quebec hospital.

Michaud

Master Cpl. Charles-Philippe Michaud, 28, was seriously injured around 9 a.m. local time on June 23 after he stepped on an improvised explosive device in the Panjwayi District, southwest of Kandahar.

He was immediately airlifted to the coalition medical facility at Kandahar Airfield and then transported to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Germany.

On June 28, he was taken to a Quebec City hospital.

Doctors say he never regained consciousness. He passed away around 2 p.m. Saturday.

Michaud, who was from the 2nd Batallion, Royal 22nd Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier near Quebec City, was on his third operational tour. It was his second time serving in Afghanistan.

Michaud is survived by his wife, parents and a brother. He becomes the 122nd soldier to die in Afghanistan.

In a statement released yesterday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he was "aware of (Michaud's) heroic battle to survive severe injuries. The thoughts of all Canadians are with Master Cpl. Michaud's family today."

Michaud becomes the fourth soldier to die in as many weeks.

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News in brief

PIPELINE An explosion damaged a natural gas pipeline in northeast British Columbia Saturday, the sixth attack on an energy facility in that area in recent months. The explosion, which took place about 8 kilometres south of the community of Dawson Creek, B.C., caused a leak but no injuries.

TAXES Other companies are likely to follow Tim Hortons Inc in moving their corporate structures to Canada to take advantage of a falling corporate tax rate, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Friday. The coffee shop chain said it applied to return to its Canadian roots. REUTERS

Economy Harper's focus as he meets G8 leaders

MEETING It's hard to say who is more jangled these days.

Residents of the Italian city of L'Aquila, rattled every other day by earthquake aftershocks, trying to host to this week's annual meeting of leaders of the world's top eight industrialized countries.

Or the G8 leaders themselves, unnerved by a global credit crisis, rising protectionist sentiment in pivotal economies like the U.S. and China, and instability in regions like Afghanistan-Pakistan, Iran and North Korea.

In reality, Canadian officials privately say, the shaky global economy, and questions about whether it's really hit bottom, are centre-stage. "The main focus for the Prime Minister is going to be the economy," said one official.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves tomorrow for Italy, where he will take part in talks on whether new rules are needed to avoid a new financial crisis.

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Toronto wins injunction to allow spraying of trash

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'Dave is not alone'

Harper eulogizes former MP who killed himself

Reflecting on the life and tragic suicide of a young former Saskatchewan MP, Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged a greater public understanding of the severe anxiety and depression that touch so many Canadians.

At a funeral in Regina Saturday, Harper eulogized Dave Batters, 39, who committed suicide June 30, as a colleague whose energy and enthusiasm "were infectious."

Batters's suicide shook the ranks of fellow Conservatives and others on Parliament Hill.

A few months before Batters announced that he would not run again last fall, the prime minister said, "I became aware that beneath this veneer of optimism, Dave struggled with severe anxiety and depression."

"While we cannot understand why a loved one would act with such sudden finality, we need to know that Dave is not alone. Each year, nearly 4,000 Canadians make this same choice."

Seeking justice

- Dave Batters was motivated to enter politics after the murder of a family friend by her estranged husband, who was out on bail after being charged with assaulting the woman.

Although science has made progress in understanding mental illness, "we still don't know enough about depression, and less about suicide," Harper said. "But we know this much: Depression can strike the sturdiest of souls. It cares not how much you have achieved, nor how much you have to live for."

Severe anxiety and depression hit men and women "in their primary working years and, most sadly, in their adolescent children," according to a transcript of Harper's comments at the funeral.

"Unlike its myth, depression is not a function of character except that to fight it summons a strength of character, and a great strength of character like Dave's to fight it as long as he did."

Harper praised Batters, who revealed his illness when he announced he would not run for re-election, for having the "courage" to deal with his illness "head-on."

Batters cited his illness and a dependency on prescription drugs in dropping out of the race for Palliser, a riding that encompasses Regina and Moose Jaw, which he first won in 2004. His decision to enter treatment and to rebuild his health was "the right choice," Harper said.

Harper told Batters' family his colleagues shared their loss but also took "pride in Dave's life and in the greater good he served through elected office and through his public battle with depression from which we can all learn."

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Edmonton **Street performers**

CANDICE WARDNER METRO CANADA

A silvery Elvis look-alike puts on a show with a young volunteer yesterday during the 25th annual Edmonton International Street Performers Festival in Churchill Square. The festival continues until July 12.

Report calls for change of rules on citizenship

PARLIAMENT Ottawa should grant citizenship rights to people born outside the country to a Canadian parent, provided the mother or father lived in Canada for a given time before the child was born, says a parliamentary report.

The recommendation from the standing committee on citizenship and immigration comes after Bill C-37, which took effect in April, discontinued the practice of giving citizenship to children born outside Canada to parents who are naturalized Canadians.

"It is in Canada's interest for the government to ensure that citizenship is not passed on to 'citizens of convenience,'" the committee said in its report.

But it added: "We are of the opinion that the parents' attachment to Canada can be measured by the amount of time they resided in Canada before their child was born."

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Mass monkey escape closes zoo

Chester Zoo, Britain's most popular wildlife attraction, was evacuated yesterday after 30 chimpanzees escaped from their enclosure. The animals found their way into a keeper area where their food is normally prepared. "We had an army of chimps eating their way through the kitchen and the decision was taken, quite rightly, to evacuate," a spokeswoman said. REUTERS

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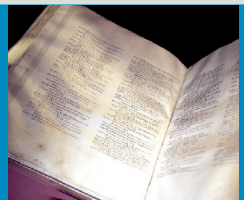

Ancient biblical texts online today

The surviving parts of the world's oldest Christian bible will be reunited online today, generating excitement among biblical scholars still striving to unlock its mysteries. The Codex Sinaiticus was hand written in Greek on animal hide, known as vellum, in the mid-fourth century around the time of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great, who embraced Christianity. Surviving pages include the whole of the New Testament and the earliest surviving copy of the Gospels written at different times after Christ's death by four Apostles. REUTERS

Plane denied landing

Honduran president turned away amid clashes

Ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya turned back from an attempted return home yesterday after soldiers clashed with his supporters as he tried to land, fuelling tensions over the coup that toppled him.

Zelaya's plane landed in neighbouring Nicaragua, after he said initially his flight from Washington would divert to El Salvador.

"Faced with this situation, we have to go on with what we had planned, which is a meeting with the other presidents in the region," he told the Telesur news channel from the plane.

Honduras' interim government, which has resisted growing international pressure over the coup, refused Zelaya permission to enter the country and warned he would be arrested. Hundreds of troops fanned out around the runway to protect the airport.

Violence erupted after protesters broke through airport fencing. Troops fired tear gas and clashed with the rock-throwing crowd, witnesses said. Zelaya, a leftist, was pushed out of office by troops and flown to Costa Rica a week ago in a coup triggered by a dispute over presidential term limits. REUTERS

Spain **Bull ride**

ALBERT GEA/REUTERS

Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas is tossed by a bull during a bullfight at the Monumental bullring in Barcelona yesterday.

News in brief

NORTH KOREA U.S. Vice President Joe Biden dismissed North Korea's recent missile launches as predictable "attention-seeking" behaviour by the reclusive state. Speaking in a television interview yesterday, Biden said: "Look, this has almost become predictable behaviour. Some of it seems like almost attention-seeking behaviour." According to South Korea's Defence Ministry, North Korea fired seven ballistic missiles Saturday, coinciding with the U.S. Independence Day.

MIDDLE EAST Israel has no plan to station submarines in Eilat, a defence official said yesterday, playing down speculation the Red Sea port could become a forward base for secret naval operations against Iran.

G8 SUMMIT Irish singer and anti-poverty activist Bob Geldof of grilled Silvio Berlusconi in an interview published yesterday, telling him Italy's failed pledges on aid put his credibility in doubt as he chairs a G8 summit this week. "How can you lead the G8? Where is your credibility?" Geldof asked the conservative Italian prime minister in the interview, printed ahead of this week's summit in L'Aquila, Italy. REUTERS

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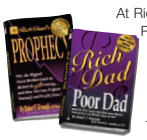

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

Clerics: Results 'invalid'

IranCrisis

IRAN A pro-reform Iranian clerical group said yesterday the outcome of last month's presidential vote was "invalid," even though Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has upheld the result.

In a sign of a deepening rift among Shiite clerics, the Assembly of Qom Seminary Scholars and Researchers also called for the release of Iranians arrested in protests after the hardline president was declared winner of the June 12 vote.

"Other candidates' complaints and strong evidence of vote-rigging were ignored ... peaceful protests by Iranians were violently oppressed ... dozens of Iranians were killed and hundreds were illegally arrested," said a statement published on the Assembly's website.

"The outcome is invalid."

Qom is Iran's centre of Shiite learning, about 125 kilometres south of Tehran.

The assembly has little political influence but its statement is a significant act of defiance since Qom is the power base of the clerical establishment.

It follows calls by hardliners for leaders of the protests, in which at least 20 people were killed, to be put on trial. REUTERS

Journalist freed

- Iran said yesterday it had released a Greek journalist covering Iran's election for the Washington Times, state television reported. "Because of the humanitarian efforts made by Iran's envoy to Greece ... the Greek journalist was released today," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Look back on how events have unfolded with our ongoing Unrest in Iran Section at **metronews.ca**

News in brief

CRASH A Walt Disney World employee died yesterday in a collision of monorail trains carrying tourists at the complex in central Florida. The elevated trains collided near the entrance to the sprawling resort's Magic Kingdom park around 2 a.m. Eastern time, according to spokeswoman Zoraya Suarez. The cause of the crash was being investigated, according to local police. REUTERS

Varied reaction on Palin move

U.S. Republican Senator John McCain expressed support for his former presidential running mate, Sarah Palin, Saturday as Washington speculated about why the Alaska governor abruptly announced her resignation.

McCain made the comment a day after Palin stunned the political world by announcing she is stepping down with 18 months left in her term.

A polarizing figure who is mainly popular among conservatives, Palin has often been considered a contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012. But some commentators said it was a strange move for one with presidential ambitions, opening her to potential criticism that she quit her post to pursue a personal agenda.

Palin's lawyers released a statement Saturday denying allegations her resignation was linked to a criminal investigation.

McCain's statement of support came after some of his political aides from last year's campaign outlined their grievances with her in an article in the current issue of Vanity Fair magazine. REUTERS

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Rats, tents and insights

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Today, I'm marking another birthday. Actually the big day isn't until August but leaving it until the last minute doesn't allow for important birthday activities such as reflection, goal-setting and making out a really good gift list. If "it's better to give than receive," I wouldn't dream of leaving my friends and family out of the good part.

Birthdays are an excellent time to take stock of what you've learned in the past year.

Here's my list.

1 If you drive a Smart car, it's a good idea to close the sunroof before you press the windshield sprayer button. Trust me.

2 Advice from my friend, Rob. If you can't get served in a large, well-known Canadian hardware store, start putting together a tent. Rob spent a half-hour searching for assistance with camping gear, finally deciding that all sales associates must be hiding in the back room. I've worked in retail and I can tell you that no salesperson would ever be allowed to do that. That's where the manager hides. Finally, Rob decided to try putting together a tent. Within seconds, three employees appeared, eager to stop him. "They said it was a question of cleanliness," he said, which seems odd, given where tents end up. Rob is now considering carrying a tent around with him in case he needs assistance in other places.

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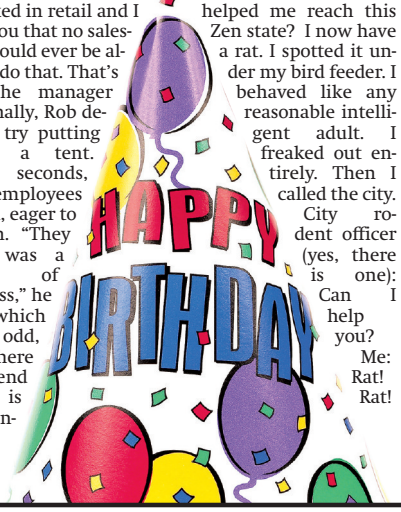

3 For years I've battled squirrels in my yard but lately I've come to accept that perhaps they're not so bad after all. What helped me reach this Zen state? I now have a rat. I spotted it under my bird feeder. I behaved like any reasonable intelligent adult. I freaked out entirely. Then I called the city.

City rodent officer (yes, there is one): Can I help you?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Can you describe the situation, ma'am?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Rats aren't really more dangerous than squirrels. I'm not sure why people get so agitated.

Me: Um … because it's a rat?

CRO: How often is it appearing?

Me: Every few minutes.

CRO: That's its mate.

Me: That's my other rat?

The lesson? When you find yourself in a frustrating, unpleasant situation, remind yourself of one thing: It can always get worse. This morning I looked out and there were pigeons.

Sunroofs, tents, rodents. Not a very impressive list. But all about being ready to learn from whatever life brings. And perhaps, after all, wisdom is like birthday gifts. The best lessons come in the smallest insights.

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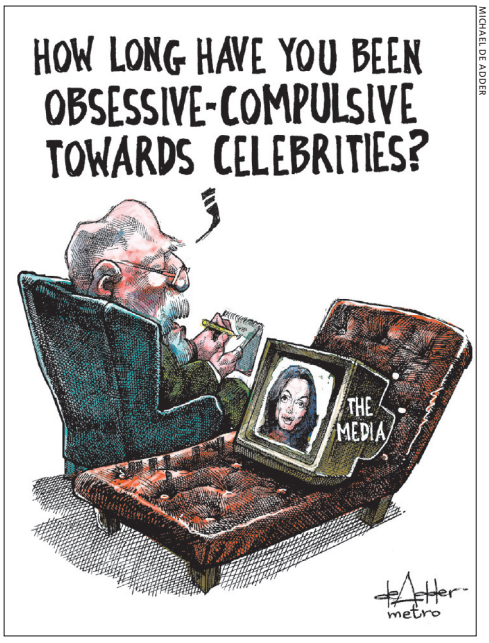

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Views

Going in circles with ring road proposal

InTransit

Shawn Logan

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Here we go again — Ring Road Interrupted.

It's a sequel that shouldn't necessarily come as a surprise after a half-century of false starts and multiple returns to the drawing board.

But I'll admit to being in the camp of those who believed that a draft agreement reached in March between the province and the Tsuu T'ina First Nation allowing the southwest ring road to be in place by 2015 was the magic bullet.

Turns out it may be the final nail in the coffin.

Chief Sandford Big Plume was very clear when he announced the band would accept the deal, worth a reported $500 million in land and cash, that it would be up to a vote of less than 1,000 members and a negative tally would mean there would be no future negotiations for Tsuu T'ina land.

More than 60 per cent decided the agreement didn't fill the bill and with no feasible backup plan in place, the entire process seems to be in limbo. It's not unlike a multimillion-dollar game of chutes and ladders — without the ladders.

So where do we go from here?

Without the Tsuu T'ina's future co-operation the options narrow exponentially.

Skirting outside the city's boundaries would be very difficult with Tsuu T'ina land stretching some 30 kilometres to the south and the west. The only other option to provide an unbroken circuit along the city's periphery could be to resurrect plans that were shelved in 2001.

Among the many controversial recommendations in that document were plans to extend 37 St. S.W. through the sensitive Weaselhead natural area with either a bridge or tunnel.

Whether the choice is a three-kilometre span or a tunnel of similar length through the area, the potential opposition could make Tsuu T'ina's lack of flexibility seem positively accommodating. And the expansion of 37 Street to highway size would also likely require the expropriation of many Lakeview homes.

Never an easy process.

Whatever concerns that may have lingered over exploring options beyond those available on Tsuu T'ina lands need to be dismissed, and quickly.

The city's future transportation planning doesn't call for the expansion of existing thoroughfares within the city, so the ring road will be an essential route to help quell gridlock.

This has already gone on for 51 years so it's up to the province and city to do whatever it takes to bring the ring.

Shawn Logan is a veteran municipal affairs reporter who covered Calgary city hall for three years after working at a number of publications in southern Alberta.

Worth mentioning

Alcohol can keep you healthy, wealthy, wise

Moderate drinkers are wealthier, more educated and less likely to be disabled than teetotalers, which explains some, but not all, of the association between moderate alcohol consumption and longer life, according to a new study.

Having one drink a day halved a person's risk of dying over the next four years, Dr. Sei J. Lee of San Francisco VA Medical Center and colleagues found. After accounting for several factors that could influence alcohol use and mortality, the effect was weakened, but moderate drinkers were still 28 per cent less likely to die than non-drinkers.

The first study to show that moderate drinkers live longer than either teetotalers or heavy drinkers was published in 1923. But the jury is still out on whether moderate drinkers are simply healthier overall than non-drinkers, or if alcohol itself used in moderation does benefit health, Lee and colleagues note.

According to Lee and colleagues, people who had a drink a day had a significantly higher socioeconomic status than non-drinkers, as measured by income, wealth, and years of education. For example, 37 per cent of drinkers had a college education, compared to 14 per cent of non-drinkers, and 52 per cent of drinkers had $300,000 in assets, while 21 per cent of non-drinkers did.

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Metro Online Poll Results

70% SAID YES	Has there been too much coverage of Michael Jackson's death? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca*	30% SAID NO

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Say goodbye to beer fridge

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Going Green

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No kidding, U.S. now green leader

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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If asked what major global shift occurred in the United States last week, how many would answer: "The loss of the King of Pop?"

With all due respect to Michael Jackson and his family, far more important history was made in the United States, but was lost in coverage of this sudden and tragic death.

While Canadians have been enjoying the summer, heading for the cottages, firing off bottle rockets, and watching Thriller retrospectives, the U.S. has become the global leader on efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

No kidding! Do you feel a bit like Rip van Winkle waking up to a different world? At the end of June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that mandates a 17 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 and an 83 per cent reduction by 2050. The reductions are to be accomplished by putting a price on carbon dioxide emissions and instituting a cap and trade system.

Also included is a mandate that 20 per cent of energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

Don't run out and invest in a windmill just yet.

To maintain perspective, many countries have set more aggressive targets, but given the per capita energy use in the U.S., no legislative mandate to date in any country would have greater global impact.

What does this mean for us? Potentially a common market for trading carbon credits. We've been disappointed in the past about Canada pulling out of the Kyoto obligations and developing modest, much longer-term objectives (i.e. for future governments to worry about).

With the current global economy, more aggressive action to curb carbon emissions is untenable (probably more politically than economically). But, examined in the light of America's move, our government's policies seem brilliant. Harper is a genius (stop laughing)! If a common market for carbon is established under NAFTA, Canadian industries may become cleaner more by carrot than by stick. Industries would have an incentive to emit less carbon, being able to sell remaining credits.

Now, before running out and investing in windmills, an important caveat is that the U.S. bill must still be passed by the Senate, which will consider it later this summer.

The legislation could be weakened or killed outright. We'll have to wait and see, and hope.

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Staying green to the end

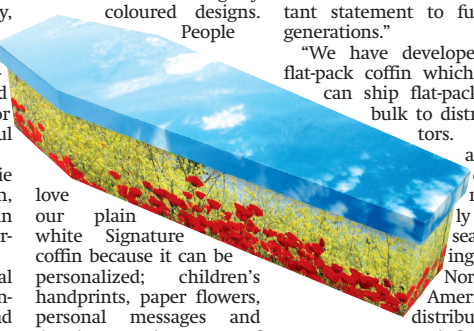
VALUES If you live by green values, why should it be different when your final farewell comes, says Eco Coffin which makes coffins from recycled material.

The U.K.-based company, which is challenging the traditional funeral industry, uses a cardboard derivative called NatureBoard which is made from recycled cardboard to build coffins fit for cremation or burial, leaving no harmful emissions behind.

Founder, Sophie Dansie and her husband, Ben, came up with the idea in 2001, after a friend's funeral.

Choice within the funeral industry is becoming increasingly prevalent and the industry itself is undergoing a quiet revolution, says Eco Coffin. Funeral directors are more accommodating to the requests of bereaved families.

Describing the range developed by Eco Coffins Ltd, Sophie says: "We have a beautiful range of traditional and more brightly coloured designs. People love our plain white Signature coffin because it can be personalized; children's handprints, paper flowers, personal messages and drawings are just some of the creative additions that have been used. It's also helpful to know that decorating it can be both comforting and therapeutic."



Nick Brealey, managing director, says: "Choosing an Eco Coffin is not only a responsible choice in itself but also makes an important statement to future generations."

"We have developed a flat-pack coffin which we can ship flat-pack in bulk to distributors. We are currently searching for North American distributors." For more information, visit ecocoffins.com.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Global warming shifting seasons: Oxfam

DROUGHT Global aid agency Oxfam says impoverished communities are being hit hard by the effects of global warming, including increased drought.

Oxfam says interviews with farmers in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America show that seasons are shrinking in number and variety. This is destroying harvests, pushing farmers to abandon traditional crops and causing widespread hunger.

Rainfall is reported to be more erratic, shorter and more violent. Unusual weather events — including storms, drier spells and fluctuating temperatures — are happening more often. And farmers say winds and storms have got stronger.

"We think 'changing seasonality' may be one of the most significant impacts of climate change for poor farmers, and that is happening now," said Oxfam program researcher John Magrath in a new report.

Savio Carvalho, Oxfam's climate change adviser for the developing world, said global warming was already affecting people across Africa, and would wipe out efforts to tackle poverty without urgent action like tree planting. REUTERS

For the kids
Stop by Buckaroos Kid Central at the Calgary Stampede this year. Activities include button making, face painting and more. **CS.CALGARYSTAMPEDE.COM**

Calgary Stampede

Tiaan Boshoff, 7, tries his best at the Cattle Roping kiosk set up in the Ag-tivity in the city tent at the Stampede grounds while Ciska, 5, waits for her turn. The display was set up by Olds College to give kids the chance to rope their own.

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Calgary Stampede

Stampede Music Lineup

Coca-Cola Stage

12:30 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes

2 p.m.: Carly Rae Jepsen

3 p.m.: Serena Ryder, bottom

5 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes

8 p.m.: The New Cities

Nashville North Stage

Between 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.: Karen Lee Batten and Justin Ament

9 p.m.: Aaron Pritchett

11 p.m.: Craig Moritz

12:15 a.m.: Craig Moritz

Barnyard races draw crowds

New attraction featuring animal races is becoming a Stampede hit

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Barnyard animals going critter to critter in a race to the finish line are a popular new attraction at the Calgary Stampede this year, according to the barnyard race announcer.

Boss Hog said the pig and other barnyard animal races in the Midway Circus have been so popular and busy people have to get their seats early.

"It has been amazing and people just love it. The show is a hillbilly good time and it's interactive and the audiences just eat it up," the announcer said.

While Boss Hog and his wife have been doing the barnyard races across the continent for years, it's the first time they have been to the Calgary Stampede.

"It's been busy since we started. I think people like the fact they can come in after and pet the animals."

Watching pigs, ducks and other animals race is a free event unlike anything else at the Stampede, he added.

"And it is fun for all ages. We targeted kids for the show but probably 85 per cent of the audience is older people like myself."

Martin Taylor took in the show with friends and said he had a great time.

"I think the pigs were my favourite. It was actually just really funny and a lot of fun to watch," he said.

ROBIN KUNISH/FOR METRO CALGARY

Hundreds lined the track at the daily animal races — pitting a variety of barnyard critters against each other in a race to the finish line.

A pig named after Metro reporter

- Boss Hog named a pig after Metro Calgary reporter Krista Sylvester, who is set to race every day during the Stampede. So be sure to cheer Krista Sylvester on.

Learning about the wild west

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WEADICKVILLE For some, visiting Weadickville at the Calgary Stampede means a nice break from the rides and the lines, but for others, it's about learning how the west was won.

Ten-year-old Austin Stenz took in some live entertainment in Weadickville with his mother yesterday and said it was one of his favourite places at the park.

"I like how it looks like the real west was, like the real olden days, and I like cowboys," Stenz said.

His mother Tabrina had a different reason for liking the old western area.

"I think it's nice to come over here and have a break and get some rest and good coffee," she said.

Red Cahoun, of live entertainers Guns of the Golden West, said Weadickville attracts people of all ages for a variety of reasons.

"We just like to be colourful and provide some entertainment, and if the people are happy and smiling, then that is a good thing," he said.

But learning about the old west is the primary attraction in Weadickville, he added.

"I think sometimes people forget that this is how the west began, this is how it started so we are here to remind them."

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Cowboy actors String Bean, left, and Red Cahoun provide a little bit of history with their Wild West re-enactments at Weadickville on the Calgary Stampede grounds.

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Food to tempt the tastebuds

New midway treats include cricket and crocodile pizza, deep-fried jelly beans

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The Calgary Stampede is more than just mini donuts and cotton candy; it's crickets and crocodiles too — on pizza, that is.

If you can think of it, they probably have it, according to midway manager James Radke.

"We pretty much have everything from A to Z, and there is bound to be something for everyone and a variety of healthy alternatives too," Radke said.

Besides cricket and crocodile pizza, which Radke said has been popular with visitors, also new to the Stampede menu this year are deep-fried jelly beans and grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Jeff Macarone, 23, enjoys his first bites of deep fried Oreos — one of many things you can get deep fried at Stampede this year — along with a number of new items for midway-goers to munch on.

"Everyone is really excited and the new options have been quite popular already," he said.

Radke said there are also healthier alternatives like wraps and Booster Juice, but pointed out park staples like mini donuts, cotton candy and, back by popular demand, deep-fried Oreos.

"Oh, they are hot this year, people love them. And we have bigger sizes now."

While visitor Mandy Casavant, 31, said she won't be trying the crocodile and cricket pizza anytime soon, she said she loves the other new additions.

"The Oreos are so good, but I try to limit how many I eat," Casavant said.

"I love the jelly beans and, of course, anything else they deep fry. I think it's the best part of the Stampede."

Visitors can also try the new wiggle chips and tornado potatoes, Radke said.

Families have their day on Stampede grounds

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Kid-friendly performances

- If your family missed the Doodlebops show, there will be more kid-friendly acts on the Coca-Cola stage on July 8 with Disney's High School Musical: Summer Celebration, and on July 9 and 10 with Playdate with Max and Ruby.

It was a family affair at the Calgary Stampede yesterday, and they were out in droves soaking up the fun at the park.

Chandell Dewitt and her three children — who are four, 22 months and four months — camped out at the Coca-Cola Stage to catch the one-day performances by the Doodlebops alongside hundreds of other families for Petro-Canada Family Day.

"It will be the youngest one's first time at the Stampede, but our two older ones were here last year. They really like it and we came to watch the performance," Dewitt said. "But I also came for the rodeo."

Other families enjoyed the Midway games, rides and the food together, including the Nicholson family.

"We just come every year on Family Day, and we come early and get in free so we have more money to spend on other things for the kids," dad Ben said while buying cotton candy for his two youngest kids.

For those who missed out on Family Day, there are more opportunities for families on Wednesday, which is BMO Kids Day at the Calgary Stampede.

Metro asks: What is your favourite Stampede midway food?

Natasha Humeston
age 25
A: I don't eat a lot of the food but I would say my favourite thing to eat is the pretzels. I really like them."

Scott Sutherland
age 30
A: Corn dogs are my favourite food here. I like them because they remind me of when I was a little kid.

Tammy Sawatzky
age 38
A: I would definitely say the mini donuts. They are so good, but not the plain ones, the sugar ones.

Kirk
A: I would have to say I like the beef on a bun the most. It's just always good.

Event results for rodeo

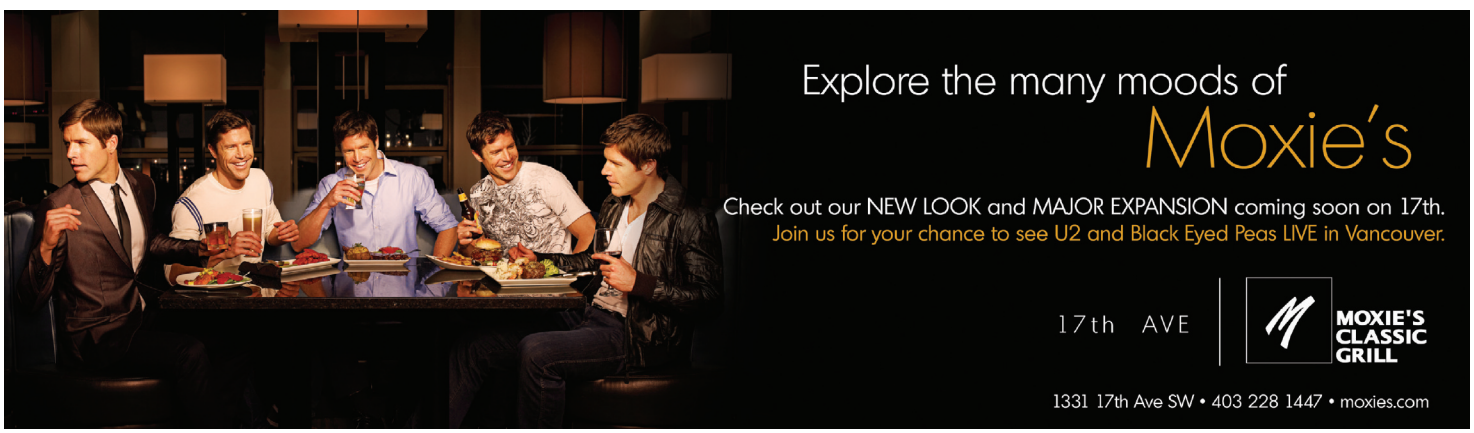
Bull riding
- J.B. Mauney on Good Vibrations: 89.0, $5,500
- Zach Brown on Quagmire: 88.5, $4,500
- Sean Willingham on Orange Pop: 83.0, $3,500
- Aaron Roy on Ghost River: 80.0, $2,500

Bareback
- Russ Hallaby on Juvenile Quest: 83.5, $5,000
- Heath Ford on Martini: 83.5, $5,000
- Jason Jeter on Lurking News: 82.5, $3,500
- Kyle Bowers on Horse with no name: 81.0, $2,500
- Cody DeMyers on Twenty Three: 79.5, $1,500

Saddle bronc
- Chet Johnson on Not So Long: 86.5, $5,500
- Bradley Harter on Hail Caroline: 81.0, $4,500
- JJ Elshere on Chute Broke: 80.0, $3,500
- Jeff Willert on Scotch with a Twist: 78.5, $2,500
- Justin Arnold on Lemon Cherry: 76.5, $1,500

Steer wrestling
- Baillie Milan: 4.1, $5,500
- Clayton Moore: 4.4, $4,000
- Cody Cassidy: 4.4, $4,000
- Tanner Milan: 4.8, $2,500
- Trevor Knowles: 5.0, $1,500

Ladies' barrel racing
- Savannah Reeves: 17.58, $5,500
- Deb Renger: 17.70, $4,500
- Kendra Edey: 17.82, $3,500
- Gaylene Buff: 17.85, $2,500
- Traci Dawson: 18.05, $750
- Molly Powell: 18.05, $750



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Kuwait needs price of oil to stay above $60 to meet 'budgetary requirements': Official
Kuwait wants to see the price of oil stay above $60 a barrel, the OPEC member's oil minister said on Sunday. "We would not like to see the price go below a certain level so it at least meets our budgetary requirements," Sheikh Ahmad al-Abdullah al-Sabah told reporters at parliament. REUTERS

Business

Posthumous sales fuel fund

For Dutch pension fund ABP, Michael Jackson's death could be good for business. The passing of the man called "King of Pop" last week has created a run on his music, which is partly owned by ABP. "There are always certain songs that for whatever reason, in this case tragic, suddenly become very popular. The last fact is a basis for the investment," an ABP spokesman said. REUTERS

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More browse web, then buy

The recession is driving more Canadian consumers to shop online, comparing prices and features, but more often than not they are still going into the store to buy.

More Canadian merchants, from women's chain Reitman's to luxury menswear retailer Harry Rosen and yoga wear specialist Lululemon, are finally opening their first online stores, despite the recent economic downturn.

Younger consumers expect it and U.S. competitors are raising the bar, retailers said.

Even Canadian Tire Corp., which stopped selling products online earlier this year, continues to operate a site where customers can check out its products before making a purchase.

And early Internet adopters, including Best Buy and Future Shop, are plunging ahead with social media interfaces such as Twitter and Facebook on their websites.

"Canadians are online. They're researching often, and what's most interesting is they're researching earlier," Google Canada spokeswoman Wendy Rozeluk said.

"... Because of the economic uncertainty, people are trying to be much more leery, figuring out where they can get the best deals."

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Italy G8 summit

PAULO SIQUEIRA / REUTERS

China's President Hu Jintao and his wife, Liu Yongqing, visit the Colosseum in Rome, yesterday. China's deputy foreign minister said yesterday the U.S. dollar would continue to be the world's leading reserve currency. Beijing has said it wants the idea of an alternative to the dollar broached at the G8 summit this week.

Opel bidding war not over yet

AUTO The outcome of the bidding war for German carmaker Opel, currently being led by Canadian auto parts supplier Magna, is still up in the air, Germany's economy minister told a German newspaper.

"I acknowledge Magna's ambitious goal, wanting to sign a contract by mid July," Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg was quoted as saying by Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. "However, there still seem to be some unanswered questions."

"There still seem to be some unanswered questions."
Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg

Sources said in June that GM and Magna had set a target of July 15 for agreeing on the sale of a majority stake in Opel. REUTERS

Business in brief

PROTECTION Adaltis Inc., a Montreal medical device maker, said Friday it was granted protection from its creditors by a Quebec court while it works on a reorganization plan. The court also approved debtor-in-possession financing of up to $3 million through Victoria Square Ventures Inc.

MINING Vancouver-based Teck Resources said Friday it will sell a 17.2 per cent equity stake to state-owned China Investment Corp , allowing the the company to help pay down its debt. Teck, a top producer of zinc, copper and metallurgical coal, said CIC will acquire the stake through a private placement that will raise $1.74 billion. REUTERS

Cancellera holds Tour de France lead

Britain's Mark Cavendish won the second stage of the Tour de France yesterday while seven-time champion Lance Armstrong finished safely in the trailing pack. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland retained the overall lead. Cancellara won Saturday's opening time trial to take the yellow jersey. The Tour ends July 26 in Paris. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Hitler comments draw ire

The World Jewish Congress is calling for the resignation of Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone, left, after he was quoted as saying that Adolf Hitler "got things done." In an interview with London's The Times newspaper, Ecclestone also said democracy "hasn't done a lot of good for many countries — including this one." In a statement yesterday the congress calls on teams, drivers and host countries to suspend co-operation with Ecclestone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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McNair's death a homicide: Cops

SHOOTING Police yesterday ruled the death of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair a homicide, a day after his bullet-riddled body was found in a Nashville apartment along with the body of his girlfriend, whose death has not been classified.

Steve McNair

McNair, who was 36, was shot four times — twice in the head, twice in the chest, according to a statement posted on the Nashville police website.

A semi-automatic pistol was found underneath the body of McNair's girlfriend, 20-year-old Sahel Kazemi, who was shot in the head.

There was no sign of forced entry into the condominium. But police did not speculate in the statement on whether Kazemi is believed to have murdered McNair and committed suicide.

"While it is clear McNair's death is a homicide, the police department is not classifying Kazemi's death pending further investigation and interviews with persons who knew her and McNair," Nashville police said in the statement.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms is assisting police in tracing the purchase and ownership of the pistol. Police also plan to follow up with staff at two nightspots McNair visited on Friday night and early Saturday, the statement said. REUTERS

Federer's 15th Slam

Swiss great wins epic Wimbledon final, breaks Sampras' record

In the end Andy Roddick, like the rest of Wimbledon, had no choice but to embrace the greatness of Roger Federer.

In one of the most heart-stopping and unforgettable finals seen in a grand slam arena, Federer held his nerve for four hours and 16 astonishing minutes before finally subduing Roddick 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14 to claim the trophy he cherishes above all for the sixth time.

As a Roddick mishit forehand sailed long, Centre Court exploded into a roar of deafening cheers and a jubilant Federer leapt high in the air knowing that he was now the proud owner of a record 15th grand slam title.

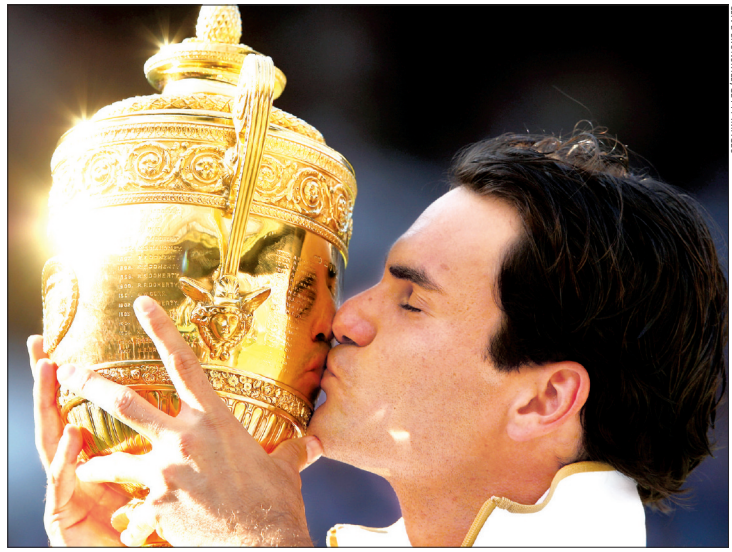
Among the 15,000 souls lucky enough to witness the momentous occasion was a beaming Pete Sampras, whose milestone of 14 majors Federer eclipsed yesterday, in the front row of the Royal Box.

"It's not really one of those goals you set as a little boy but, man, it's been quite a career," Federer, who has enjoyed a remarkable month having won the French Open title for the first time just four Sundays ago, told the enthralled crowd.

"It feels amazing, but this is not why I am playing tennis, to break all these records, but it is definitely one of the greatest ones to have."

A jetlagged Sampras, making a surprise first appearance at the club since 2002, said the Swiss-born Federer had settled the perennial debate over who was the game's greatest player.

"The critics say (Rod) Laver, and (Rafael) Nadal beat him a few times in majors, but he's won all the majors, he's going to win a few more here, so in my book he is." REUTERS



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Roger Federer kisses the Wimbledon trophy after winning the men's singles final match against Andy Roddick 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14 yesterday in London.

Doubles

- Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defended their men's doubles title at Wimbledon on Saturday with a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 win over Americans Bob and Mike Bryan.

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Sports in brief

ALL STARS The rosters for the July 14 All-Star Game in St. Louis were announced yesterday and two Blue Jays, pitcher Roy Halladay and second baseman Aaron Hill, were named to the American League's roster. In addition, outfielder Adam Lind will have a chance to be named as the 33rd man in an online vote. Jason Bay of Trail, B.C., was voted in as a starter and will represent the Boston Red Sox, while New Westminster, B.C., native Justin Morneau was selected as a reserve representing the Minnesota Twins.

PGA Tiger Woods won the AT&T National yesterday, making a 20-foot birdie on the 16th and closing with a 3-under 67 to hold off Hunter Mahan for a one-shot victory at Congressional. Bright's Grove, Ont., natives Mike Weir and Matt Hill finished 48th and 70th respectively.

FOOTBALL Bryce Petty threw three touchdown passes as the United States won the gold medal at the Junior World Championship yesterday with a 41-3 victory against Canada. Virginia Tech running back David Wilson rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown to help the U.S. win the first world tournament of American football for players age 19 and under.

GOLF German Martin Kaymer won the French Open yesterday after defeating former European No. 1 Lee Westwood of Britain in a sudden-death playoff. Kaymer took the $930,000 first prize with a par at the first extra hole after both men had finished on 13-under 271, three strokes better than Briton Ian Poulter.

NBA Los Angeles Lakers head coach Phil Jackson, fresh off a record 10th NBA Championship as a coach, announced on Friday he will return to the bench next year for a 10th season in LA and 19th as an NBA head coach. METRO NEWS SERVICES

U of T launches bridging program for foreign-trained lawyers
With a $4 million investment from the Ontario government, the University of Toronto's law faculty has launched Canada's first bridging program aimed at foreign-trained lawyers seeking accreditation to practice law in Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Nunavut's first masters grads

At a convocation ceremony in Iqaluit on Canada Day, 21 Inuit women graduated with a masters of education from the University of Prince Edward Island, becoming the first students to earn a graduate degree in the territory. In a partnership between uPEI, Arctic College, Nunavut's Department of Education, and St. Francis Xavier University, the students in the MEd in Leadership in Learning program were not required to leave the Arctic for their education. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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One company's huge impact

Deloitte tells its employee's to skip work and volunteer once a year

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Proving that people can make the biggest impact of all, one company is shutting down its business for an entire day to let its employees make a difference in their own communities.

On its upcoming Impact Day on Sept. 26, Deloitte — one of the largest professional services firms in the world — is giving its employees the day off from work to go out into their local communities across the globe and volunteer their time to help people in need.

In an industry where the bottom line rules all, it's almost surreal to think that an entire company would encourage its employees to skip work and hand out food or renovate a shelter instead. Yet Eric Girard, a Deloitte partner and national chair of Impact Day in Canada, says that's exactly what the ritual, entering its fifth year, is all about.

"Last year about 80 per cent of our people left the office, rolled up their sleeves and helped out in their local communities across Canada. This year we're pretty much shutting down our business to participate," Girard said.

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Seen here are some photos of last year's Impact Day in different parts of Canada. Top: Volunteers collect waste in Vaughan, Ont.; Bottom: Deloitte employees from Halifax fix a bench at a senior's residence.

For 2008's Impact Day in Canada, close to 5,700 employees built a skating rink for at-risk youth in Saguenay, Que., handed out free lunches in Prince Albert, B.C., and mentored new immigrants on interview, resumé and job-hunting skills in Toronto, Ont., among hundreds of other projects. This year's event will see more than 460 projects completed across the country.

With employees strewn across the world, the global presence of a large company like Deloitte is uniquely suited for humanitarian efforts because it lets employee volunteers have a global reach. During Impact Day in 2005 for example, employees of Deloitte Grand Cayman helped rebuild residences in the Cayman Islands for victims of Hurricane Ivan and the Deloitte office in Cyprus helped lead blood donation clinics within that country.

Markus Navikenas, senior tax manager with Deloitte in Calgary, has coordinated several previous Impact Day outings in his office and says the best part is seeing employees' self-motivation.

"It's been an eye-opener for a lot of the staff as well — they really bring all the hard work and enthusiasm to Impact Day that they bring to their day jobs," Navikenas said.

Girard believes the true impact of Impact Day even goes well beyond the one-day affair as many employees often continue to volunteer after Impact Day is over, citing the experience as having changed their perception of volunteering.

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Workology in brief

JOURNALISTS IN TRAINING A new five-day journalism training camp aimed at keeping young people out of gangs wrapped up recently at Ryerson University in Toronto. More than 20 participants from the suburb of Scarborough learned to craft stories in multimedia form. Director Vinita Srivastava aims to impart media literacy and give youth an outlet for expression.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE According to Statistics Canada, the number of Canadians collecting employment insurance has risen by nearly 40 per cent since last October. In April, 697,000 people were collecting EU benefits, up 2.7 per cent, or 18,600 people from March. The largest percentage of growth occurred in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

RETIREMENT A new report from the Bank of Montreal Retirement Institute says women who are single in retirement face increased financial risks. This is due to a number of factors: In general, women earn less in the workforce; many women have worked fewer years as a result of taking time off during their career to raise children; and women who lived most of their life as part of a couple haven't put a "single retiree" plan into place so they are left unprepared if their spouse dies or they get divorced.

HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Going beyond baby talk for your pet

OddJobs

Sue Becker once got a call from an owner of a cat named Hades. Kitty wasn't eating well and pacing the house, meowing.

So Becker, 57, an animal communicator, sat down in her comfy family room and connected with him.

She soon got a telepathic message from Hades. He was lonely and wanted to spend more time with his busy owner. He also didn't like his name: He wanted to be called Shine.

At first Hades' owner was a little miffed by the name suggestion. A day later, she remembered: When he'd arrived as a kitten, her grandfather had just died, and she'd often hold the cat singing You Are My Sunshine. When she called Becker to tell her of this memory, she was in tears.

"All species can communicate telepathically," says Becker.

Born in Montreal, Becker always loved animals and got her first kitten at age 10. Nu-Nu was a big grey cat who allowed his young owner to dress him up in doll's clothes.

By high school, Becker had moved to Kitchener, Ont. She planned on becoming a veterinarian, but instead married young (but later divorced) and started working in a bank.

For 32 years she worked in banking. But another grey cat, this one named Ashley, got sick in the mid 1990 when he was 14. Becker immersed herself in research about everything from nutrition to homeopathy to try to help him.

She wasn't able to save her pet, but the readings and courses she did turned into a new career.

In 2002, she scaled back to part-time at the bank, and quit entirely a year later. While the bulk of her work is animal communication, she's also trained to do Tellington TTouch, a form of animal massage therapy, and treat animals with Bach Flower Essences. She also teaches workshops in animal communication.

The Lowdown

Job title: Animal communicator.
Salary: Charges $85 a session
Education/training: Seminars and workshops on animal communication
Best Part of the Job: "It's all good: Connecting with animals and people."
Work Part of the Job: "The business end. Although all my years in banking really prepared me for that stuff."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Katie thinks she can dance

After weeks of rehearsals, it's becoming clear: Katie Holmes has to know she can dance. "She's really blossoming into a gorgeous triple-threat star," says choreographer Mia Michaels of the actress' moves for the 100th episode of So You Think You Can Dance. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Breakdown

Brad Pitt accepted a ride from the paparazzi — who he famously dislikes — after the motorcycle he was riding broke down on the side of the road late last week. POPEATER.COM

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Massive demand for memorial

More than half a million fans from around the world applied for 17,500 free tickets to Michael Jackson's public memorial service next week, organizers said over the weekend as a massive security operation got underway.

The life and music of the self-proclaimed "king of pop," who died of sudden cardiac arrest July 25, will be celebrated tomorrow at the Staples Center, a basketball arena in downtown Los Angeles.

Officials Friday unveiled an ambitious online lottery that will allow fans to attend either the televised service at the arena or watch the proceedings on a big screen at the nearby Nokia Theatre.

But within minutes, the staplescenter.com server crashed.

"You might want to consider watching this from the comfort of your own home," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry, who is doubling as the city's acting mayor.

The ceremony will also streamed online.

A wide area around the venues in downtown Los Angeles will be blocked off for the 10 a.m. event. Both local and state law-enforcement agencies have been marshaled for duty.

A local news-radio station reported that more than 1,400 officers from the Los Angeles Police Department alone have been asked to volunteer for duty today and tomorrow. The LAPD, which has about 9,000 officers in total, declined to comment on the report or to reveal a staffing number.

SAM MIROVICH/REUTERS

A memorial for Michael Jackson is to be held tomorrow at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

A Jackson family spokesman declined to provide details of the memorial service, but said there would not be a funeral procession and Jackson's body would not be at the memorial. Funeral arrangements have not been disclosed, but security has been beefed up at the Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills mortuary, where his body is believed to be held.

Officials were also tight-lipped about the cost of the memorial service, and who would pay for it.

Like other U.S. cities, Los Angeles is strapped for cash in the global recession and similar questions about public tax revenues being spent for such an elaborate ceremony surfaced last month when a $2 million US celebration was given for the champion Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team.

That event, which attracted over 500,000 people, was eventually funded through private donations.

The city has already budgeted for LAPD overtime, Perry said, adding that officials would "deeply appreciate" help to offset incremental costs, such as transportation, sanitation and staging. REUTERS

Jackson, Jackie O fought over book

Michael Jackson crossed swords with a lot of people when he was alive, but perhaps none more important than Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The former first lady, in her capacity as an editor at Doubleday Books, secured a coveted book deal with the pop star in 1984, when he was still riding high on the success of his "Thriller" album released two years earlier.

"She was only person in America who could get him on the phone," Stephen Davis, the ghostwriter of Moon Walk, said in a recent interview with Reuters.

According to a People magazine article at the time, Onassis paid Jackson a $300,000 advance for the book. Davis received what he termed "a generous flat fee."

The book came out in 1988, topped the New York Times Best Sellers list, and quickly sold out of its initial print run of almost 500,000 copies, he recalled.

"That was an extremely successful book. They made money on it," Davis said.

The obvious next step was to print more copies, and then prepare a paperback version. But Jackson, who had total control of the project, vetoed both plans — annoying Onassis.

"There was so much bad feeling when it didn't go back to press," Davis said. "It wasn't a great experience for her."

Relations between the two cultural icons were already strained, because Jackson had threatened to block the book's publication unless Onassis wrote a gushing foreword. Onassis, who fiercely guarded her privacy and did not want her name in any book she edited, reluctantly made an exception and turned in a three-paragraph blurb.

"There was so much bad feeling when it didn't go back to press … It wasn't a great experience for her." Stephen Davis

Davis had won over Jackson with his infamously seamy Led Zeppelin biography Hammer of the Gods, which was packed with tales of underage groupies, orgies and massive drug abuse.

Moon Walk on the other hand, with an apparently asexual and temperate childlike subject, was essentially "a very, very expensive press release," Davis said.

"The book was very meat-and-potatoes — 'Diana Ross discovered us, and then we went to Motown and we worked for (label founder) Mr. Gordy, and then we went to Los Angeles, I was in The Wiz…'"

The book's major "scoop" was Jackson's allegation that he was beaten by his father. REUTERS

Urban dismisses Kidman rumours

Keith Urban is more than happy to dismiss rumours that his wife, Nicole Kidman, is pregnant again. "A little bit of tweaking (of photos) does that," he says of where it all comes from, according to Hollyscoop. METRO WORLD NEWS

Magic numbers

Potter is back: Box office big bucks assured

Boy wizard Harry Potter is back in cinemas later this month with the sixth installment of the movie franchise, and another box office bonanza looks assured for the Warner Bros. studio.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince hits screens on July 15, promising high-speed action, dark and dangerous battles with the forces of evil, budding romance at Hogwarts school for wizards and the expected death of a prominent character.

The wait has been a long one for Potter fans around the world who have followed the fate of Harry and his friends through the seven best-selling books by British author J.K. Rowling.

Warner Bros. pushed the release date of Half-Blood Prince back from 2008, leaving a two-year gap since the fifth movie Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix and the final novel Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

The release of Potter books and films are major events for the entertainment industry, both because of the passion fans share for the stories, dubbed "Pottermania" in the media, and the amount of money they generate.

A scene from Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. The latest in the boy wizard series is expected to be another box office hit.

The seven Harry Potter books, which began in 1997, have sold more than 400 million copies worldwide and turned Rowling into a multi-millionaire publishing phenomenon.

The five movies released so far have grossed $4.5 billion in ticket sales, and box office experts see little reason to doubt that the sixth installment will fall within the $800 million to $1 billion range, a huge amount for a single film.

"This is just a remarkable franchise that has consistently drawn blockbuster numbers each time out, and it is hard to imagine this picture not continuing that trend," said Brandon Gray, president of tracking firm Box Office Mojo. REUTERS

For complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and tickets, visit:
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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning on June 26.

1. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen:** $42.5 million million US (tied)
1. **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs:** $42.5 million (tied)
3. **Public Enemies:** $26.2 million
4. **The Proposal:** $12.8
5. **The Hangover:** $10.4 million
6. **Up:** $6.6 million
7. **My Sister's Keeper:** $5.3 million
8. **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** $2.5 million
9. **Year One:** $2.1 million (tied)
9. **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** $2.1 million (tied)

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Reagan's **Secret War**

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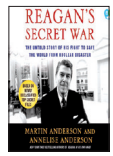

Martin and Annelise Anderson are nothing short of Ronald Reagan experts. Both former policy advisers to the president, the couple previously released best-sellers Reagan In His Own Hand, Reagan: A Life in Letters and Reagan's Path to Victory. In their latest release, the couple focuses on the Cold War and the influence Reagan had on ending it. In Reagan's Secret War, the Andersons make public information contained in millions of once-classified Regan library documents to argue that his long-time motivations were to eradicate nuclear weapons and topple the Soviet Union and that he was the mastermind behind convincing the Soviets to finally entertain negotiation.

Ted Kennedy: The **Dream That Never Died**

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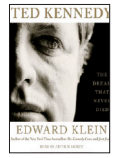

Perhaps known equally for his political life as his private one, Ted Kennedy has been a subject of public scrutiny for much of his lawmaking career. In this new biography, author Edward Klein speaks candidly with friends and family and Kennedy's colleagues in politics to express the man's legislative achievements set against a rocky past. From the 1969 Chappaquiddick incident, in which Kennedy drove off a bridge, resulting in the death of his passenger Mary Jo Kopechne, to his continued womanizing ways, Klein doesn't ignore the controversy in his chronicle.

Stone's **Fall**

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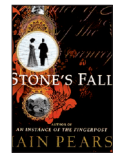

In the early pages of Stone's Fall, its title comes to correspond quite literally to the fall from a window suffered by wealthy pre-First World War London financier, John Stone, which results in his death. But the magnitude of his demise is realized later, when his widow Elizabeth hires a former journalist, Matthew Braddock, to track down a child of Stone's who is mentioned in his will. Braddock, quickly falling for Elizabeth, soon discovers Stone wasn't worth all that he boasted. But as the story unfolds in reverse chronology, a spy in Italy uncovers that Elizabeth herself may not be all she claims.

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critics' corner

U-Carmen
There's no bullfight in this reimagining of Georges Bizet's opera, set in modern-day South Africa and translated into Xhosa. Pauline Malefane plays Carmen, a cigarette factory worker romanced by a police sergeant and a singer — changed from the bullfighter of the original. 6 PM on BRAVO

Dirty Jobs
In the new episode "Mike's Day Off," the doer of dirty jobs visits his doctor for a physical and challenges the show's executive producers, Eddie Barbini and Craig Piligian, to try some unpleasant undertakings in his place. And he picked a doozy for them: cleaning porta-potties. They also try their hands at making custom-fabricated alloy wheels for Boyd Coddington of "American Hot Rod" fame. 7 PM on DISC

Law & Order: Criminal Intent
A charming con man targets a lonely single mother (guest star Arija Bareikis) as part of his scheme to hit an armored truck carrying millions of dollars. Nichols and Wheeler investigate the case when one of the con man's partners dies weeks later in an explosion. Eric Bogosian also stars in "Astoria Helen." 10 PM on CFCN KHQ

Susan in studio
Susan Boyle took time out from the Britain's Got Talent tour to record the first track on her planned album with Simon Cowell's team, people.com reports. "She sounds fantastic on record," says Cowell. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madge salutes King of Pop

MADGE AND MJ Madonna didn't want to wait until Tuesday in Los Angeles to honour the King of Pop, popeater.com reports.

She paid tribute to Michael Jackson on Saturday night in the same arena where he was to stage his comeback, dancing along with an impersonator doing Jackson's distinctive moves.

Jackson, who died last week, was to begin a series of 50 concerts at the 23,000-seat O2 starting July 13. A picture of a young Jackson appeared on stage while Madonna was performing Holiday, then the impersonator came on, wearing a sequined jacket, white T-shirt, white glove and white socks in the Jackson manner.

The music then switched to Jackson's song Wanna Be Starting Something and the impersonator worked through Jackson's moves, including the famous moonwalk. The impersonator didn't sing.

After the number, Madonna told the crowd, "Let's give it up for one of the greatest artists the world has ever known," and the crowd roared its approval.

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Amy drinking'n'diving?

BAD GUEST Amy Winehouse continues to make life difficult for the staff at her Caribbean hideout. Now they've reportedly banned her from using the resort swimming pool, according to the Sun.

"She is regularly drinking large quantities of wine and rum and no one in her condition should be going anywhere near water," a source in St. Lucia says. "There are concerns that one night she won't be able to get out of the water and something tragic will happen. Staff have found Amy on a number of occasions collapsed on the grass by the pool after going for a swim."

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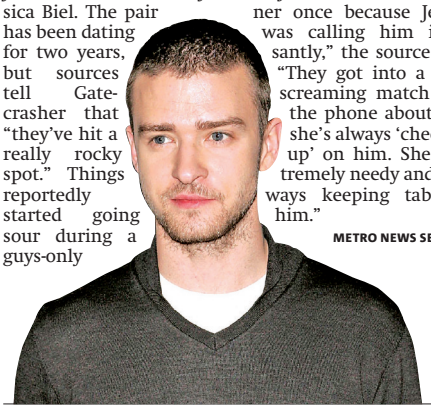
Headed to splitsville?

ROCKY ROADS There may be trouble in paradise for Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel. The pair has been dating for two years, but sources tell Gatecrasher that "they've hit a really rocky spot." Things reportedly started going sour during a guys-only trip to Las Vegas Timberlake took.

"Justin had to leave dinner once because Jessica was calling him incessantly," the source says. "They got into a huge screaming match over the phone about how she's always 'checking up' on him. She's extremely needy and is always keeping tabs on him."



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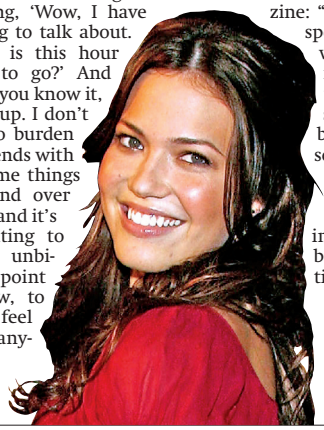
Mandy on therapy

THERAPY TIME Mandy Moore finds therapy "freeing," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer started counselling sessions last year and says it has enabled her to talk through her problems without boring her friends.

She said: "You go in thinking, 'Wow, I have nothing to talk about. Where is this hour going to go?' And before you know it, time's up. I don't have to burden my friends with the same things over and over again, and it's fascinating to get an unbiased point of view, to not feel like anybody would judge you. It's very freeing."

Moore also revealed she has an inking of a baby sperm after an impromptu visit to a tattoo parlour with her band. The 25-year-old beauty — who secretly wed musician Ryan Adams in March — told Women's Health magazine: "It's a baby sperm. We were goofing off, writing a song about babies or something. Somehow that evolved into everybody getting inked."



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Potter star gets swine flu

EVEN STARS GET SICK It seems that there's no magic spell against the swine flu, people.com reports.

Rupert Grint, 20, who plays Harry Potter's pal Ron Weasley, caught the notorious bug while filming the latest movie in the wizard series but is now well enough to attend tomorrow's London premiere of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

"It has just been confirmed that Rupert Grint has taken a few days out of filming due to a mild bout of swine flu," his rep says in a statement. "He has now recovered and is looking forward to joining his fellow cast members at the junket and premieres this week and will then return to filming directly afterwards."

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Courtney and syringe wreaking hotel havoc

HOTEL ROOM RAMPAGE Courtney Love is up to her old tricks. The former Hole singer reportedly trashed her hotel room while visiting 16-year-old daughter Frances Bean Cobain in New York City recently, according to Page Six. Sources say she left dirty needles and used feminine hygiene products behind after her stay at luxury hotel the Inn.

"She caused so much damage in eight hours and wreaked so much havoc. It was actually kind of funny," the source says. "Minus the $5,000 US in repairs." In her own defense, Love explained to TMZ, "I have not taken drugs in five-and-a-half years but I do have a syringe in here. It's for an emergency, in case I can't see, and it's very dangerous."

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Hayden's 'spin' on botched tattoo

OH WELL Heroes star Hayden Panettiere isn't fazed by the misspelled tattoo on her back — because she doesn't have to look at it, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 19 year old has the saying Vivere senza rimipiantic — meaning live without regret in Italian — etched on her back, but the tattooist made a mistake. She says, "It is misspelled, whatever, I just put my own spin to it. Chances are I'll probably get it fixed, but that's why I love having it on my back because I don't get bored of it."

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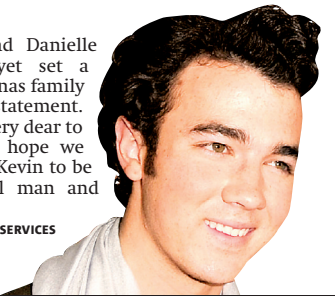
Kevin, fiancée hit up some pie

PIZZA CELEBRATION Kevin Jonas and his fiancée, Danielle Deleasa, celebrated their engagement with party for family and friends at their favourite pizza parlour in Los Angeles Friday night.

Jonas proposed earlier last week with a ring containing 211 diamonds that he designed himself, according to People magazine.

"Kevin and Danielle have not yet set a date," the Jonas family said in a statement. "Family is very dear to us, and we hope we have raised Kevin to be a wonderful man and husband."



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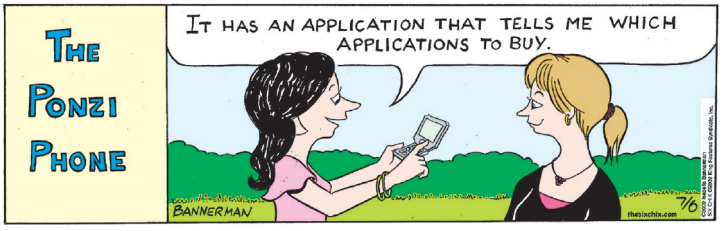

Today Heavy rain 16 C / 12 C
Tuesday Mainly sunny 20 C / 9 C
Wednesday Partly sunny, rain 19 C / 9 C

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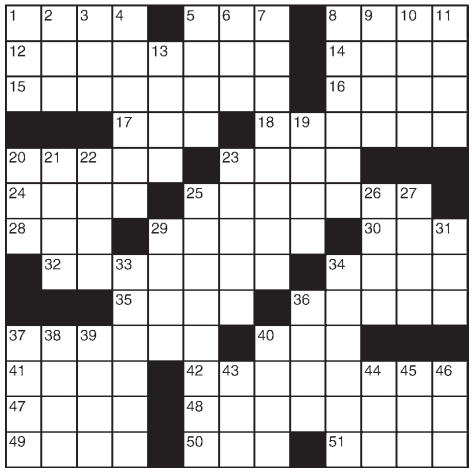

Crossword across

1 Hydrox competitor
5 Bro's kin
8 Hawaiian island
12 Period
14 Opening day?
15 Womanly
16 Give as an example
17 Crossword clue abbr.
18 Whiteboard adjunct
20 Censoring sound
23 Hebrew month
24 Feedbag fill
25 Inge play
28 Dallas sch.
29 Devour
30 Small barrel
32 NASCAR repair break
34 Deuce beater
35 Chooses
36 Song of praise
37 Long-short-short poetic foot
40 Actress West
41 Cheer (for)
42 Voters in college?
47 Initial chip
48 Place where motorists take five
49 "Cheers" order
50 "Mayday!"
51 Sicilian volcano

Crossword down

1 Vacationing
2 Regret
3 Shade tree
4 Pizza topping
5 Mix
6 Charged bit
7 Accelerates
8 Farm wagon
9 Parisian pals
10 Loathe
11 — -friendly
13 Break suddenly
19 Grate
20 Derek and Diddley
21 Aladdin's —
22 Needle case
23 Cars
25 Soldiers
26 Gumbo base
27 Rind
29 Catch sight of
31 Workout room
33 Wobble
34 Infectious fly
36 Treaty
37 Colorless
38 Top-notch
39 Doves' home
40 Disarray
43 Virgo neighbor
44 Mel of baseball lore
45 Director Howard
46 Hot tub

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5			9		3			6
	9		5		6		8	
		1				5		
		6	8		5	3		
2								7
		4	6		9	2		
		9				1		
	5		3		7		2	
6			1		4			5

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	7	8	6	3	9	5	4	1
4	5	6	7	1	8	2	3	9
9	1	3	2	5	4	7	8	6
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3	6	4	9	8	7	1	2	5
5	2	9	1	4	3	6	7	8
7	3	2	8	6	1	9	5	4
6	4	5	3	9	2	8	1	7
8	9	1	4	7	5	3	6	2

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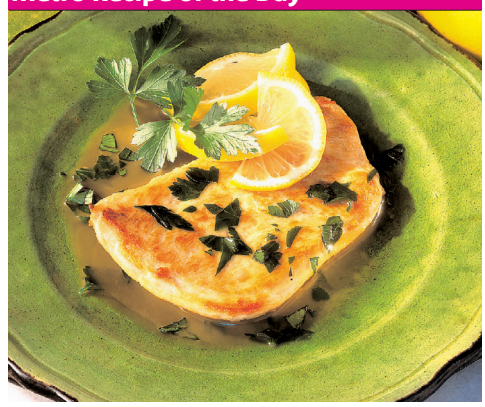
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Turkey Escalopes with Lemon and Parsley

INGREDIENTS:
2 lemons
8 sprigs of fresh parsley
4 thin slices turkey breast, or turkey escalopes,
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
3 tbsp (45 mL) unsalted butter
5 tbsp (75 mL) chicken stock

METHOD:
1. Squeeze juice from one lemon into bowl and set aside. Wash any wax from other lemon, cut into thin slices and set aside for garnish. Rinse and dry parsley and set 4 sprigs aside for garnish; finely chop rest and set aside.
2. Place turkey slices or escalopes, one at time, between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound gently with rolling pin until extremely thin. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat oil and half the butter in large frying pan over high heat, until bubbling. Quickly fry escalopes, two at time if necessary, 1 1/2 minutes each side, until lightly browned and no longer pink in middle. Then transfer to warm dish.
4. Pour stock into frying pan and heat, stirring and scraping up residue from bottom. Add half the lemon juice, remaining butter, and parsley. Reduce to simmer, add escalopes, overlapping if necessary, and any juices, and heat through for 30 seconds per side. Season to taste, and add more lemon juice if you like, then serve garnished with lemon slices and parsley.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You cannot see the whole picture regarding a money matter of some kind, so resist the urge to make a snap decision.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Let someone you have feelings for know how much you care for them. Don't just assume that they know already.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If others want to cut corners and break rules today that's up to them, but you are advised to stick to the straight and narrow.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you want to get ahead in your work and if you want your private life to run smoothly you must put aside petty differences. They're not worth the worry.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone who is full of their own importance seems to think they can say anything and get away with it. They're wrong.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may like to chat with people you hardly know, but don't give away information about what you are doing that might be used against you in the future.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in Cancer brings challenges but it also boosts your determination to succeed, so hang in there. Your luck will change soon.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
By all means aim to bring a feud to an end but don't give too much away. Compromise is a must today but it has to be a fair deal for everyone.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You're not usually this sensitive to criticism but the approaching lunar eclipse is certainly making you more touchy than usual.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have rarely been so popular, but you cannot possibly accept every single social invitation. Go where you feel you would have the most fun.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know it's a monumental lie you will secretly enjoy the attention.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your social scene may be a bit boring at the moment but the planets indicate that it will get a lot more interesting between now and next weekend.

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Final hunger strike (1)
2. Ill rooster/hen offspring (1)
3. Bridal face cover red-tag event (1)
4. More sky-colored basin pitcher (2)
5. Chap's viola cousins (2)
6. Church official's guiding lights (2)
7. Coddler impeder (3)

ANSWERS
1. LAST FAST 2. SICK CHICK 3. VEIL SALE 4. BLUER EWER 5. FELLOWS CELLOS 6. DEACONS BEACONS 7. PAMPERER HAMPERER

7-6-09

This day in history

JULY 6, 1189: Richard the 1st (Richard the Lionheart) is crowned King of England.
JULY 6, 1785: The dollar is unanimously chosen as the monetary unit for the United States.
JULY 6, 1947: The AK-47 goes into production in the Soviet Union.
JULY 6, 1957: John Lennon and Paul McCartney (of The Beatles) first meet at St. Peter's Church garden fete in Liverpool, England.
JULY 6, 1957: Althea Gibson wins the Wimbledon championships, becoming the first black athlete to do so.
JULY 6, 1986 : Davis Phinney became the first American cyclist to win a road stage of the Tour de France.

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